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SUBJECT:ETHIOPIAN SITREP NO. 5, APRIL 25, 1800 (EDT)

1. WORKING GROUP (WG) MEETING. AMB. SCHAUFLE CHAIRED THE WG MEETING AT 1400. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE CHARGE IN ADDIS ABABA HAD RECEIVED INFORMAL INFORMATION THAT 3 MAAG PERSONNEL WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO STAY UNTIL APRIL 30. WE HAVE CLEARANCES FOR AIRCRAFT INTO ASMARA FOR 2 DAYS, ONE UNIT PER DAY. THE STRETCH DC-8 IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON THE 27TH, AND WE ARE REQUESTING 2 ADDITIONAL C-5A FLIGHTS FOR THAT DAY. AN EXECUTIVE ORDER HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR AIRCRAFT TO GO TO ASMARA.

-- THE LATEST ESTIMATE OF U.S. PERSONNEL REMAINING AFTER OUR DEPARTURE IS 76. A MEMO TO THE SECRETARY ON THE FUTURE COMPOSITION OF OUR MISSION IS IN DRAFT.

-- IT WAS NOTED THAT IF WE DISCONTINUE SOME OR PART OF OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO PAY CONTRACT CANCELLATION PENALTIES. AMB. SCHAUFLE ASKED FOR A LIST OF PROGRAMS AND FUNDING SOURCES SO A DECISION COULD BE MADE.

-- GENERAL LEVAN EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT WE NOT EVACUATE PEOPLE SO FAST THAT THERE WOULD BE NO ONE LEFT TO HANDLE CARGO. HE ALSO NOTED THAT WE MIGHT HAVE PROBLEMS GETTING CARGO TO THE AIRPORT, ESPECIALLY IN ASMARA.

2. EVACUATION SCHEDULE. THE FOLLOWING IS THE STATUS OF AIRLIFT AFFECTED USG PERSONNEL:

-- EIGHTY-FIVE PEOPLE, MAINLY DEPENDENTS OF THE MILITARY
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ASSISTANCE AND ADVISORY GROUP (MAAG) AND THE NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH UNIT (NAMRU), WERE AIRLIFTED FROM ADDIS ABABA TO ATHENS, GREECE BY A MAC C-141 DEPARTING AT 12:15 PM LOCAL TIME TODAY.

-- FIFTEEN USIS PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART TOMORROW FROM ADDIS TO FRANKFURT ON A COMMERCIAL AIRLINE FLIGHT.

-- MAC HAS ONE C-141 SCHEDULED INTO ASMARA ON APRIL 27 TO REMOVE EQUIPMENT IF ALLOWED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

-- MAC HAS ANOTHER C-141 SCHEDULED INTO ASMARA ON APRIL 27 TO AIRLIFT ALL KAGNEW AND CONGEN PERSONNEL AND PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS, THEIR PERSONAL EFFECTS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT THAT CAN BE REMOVED.

-- MAC HAS FOUR AIRLIFT SORTIES (C-5/C-141) SCHEDULED INTO ADDIS ABABA ON APRIL 26 FOR REMOVAL OF MAAG EQUIP-

MENT.

-- MAC HAS TWO AIRLIFT SORTIES (C-5/C-141) PLUS ONE DC-8
(210 SEATS AVAILABLE) SCHEDULED INTO ADDIS ABABA ON APRIL
27. AIRLIFT SORTIES ARE TO REMOVE CARGO; DC-8 TO REMOVE
ALL REMAINING PERSONNEL SCHEDULED FOR WITHDRAWAL.

3. EXTENSION SITUATION, OTHER ISSUES. MEETINGS WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER ON TIME EXTENSION FOR DEPARTURE HAVE
BEEN EQUIVOCAL. HE SUGGESTED A JOINT US-ETHIOPIAN COM-
MISSION TO DISCUSS THE MATTER BUT THIS HAS NOT YET MET.
EMBASSY IS NOT SEEKING GENERAL EXTENSION, BUT ONLY EX-
TENSION FOR 3 MAAG, 2 NAMRU AND IF NECESSARY 1 USIS
PERSON TO TRY AND CLEAN UP ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS- RE-
MAINING PERSONNEL WILL BE READY TO LEAVE ADDIS AND ASMARA
BY APRIL 27.

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-- FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS NOW AGREED TO PERMIT ACCESS TO
USIS, AND WE HAVE ENTERED BUILDING.

-- WE HAVE BEEN RESISTING AN EFFORT BY MINISTRY OF HEALTH
OFFICIALS TO INVENTORY OUR HEALTH FACILITY (NAMRU). VANCE

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